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United States Senate

July 28, 2017

Matthew Welbes
Executive Director
Office of the Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

*Re: Application from IndyGo for Funding from the FY 2017 Low or No Emission Vehicle
Program for the Modernization of Fleet Charging Infrastructure*

Dear Mr. Welbes:

The Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation, known as IndyGo, serves the approximately 940,000 residents of Indianapolis and the balance of Marion County. In 2016, IndyGo provided more than nine million rides to a diverse ridership. IndyGo has a long-term fleet replacement plan that calls for the retirement of all diesel vehicles by 2032, replacing them with electric-propulsion vehicles. To accomplish this, IndyGo needs to upgrade the electrical infrastructure at its main operations facility.

This project, *Modernization of IndyGo's Fleet Charging Infrastructure*, will allow IndyGo to reduce energy consumption, harmful emissions, and operating costs while securing operational efficiencies. Based on its past experience, IndyGo estimates that the cost of powering an electric vehicles is roughly 38% less than the cost of fueling a diesel vehicle. To support the shift to a lower-cost, lower-impact electric-propulsion fleet, IndyGo will leverage federal dollars by providing a 50% match to make these upgrades. The installation of a one megawatt solar array on the roof of its administrative and maintenance facility will further expand IndyGo's clean electrical charging capabilities.

IndyGo is committed to providing safe, dependable transportation to residents, and a 2016 ridership survey indicated that nearly 88% of riders depend upon IndyGo for transit to work, school or healthcare services.

Because this project expands the use of mass transit and supports education, economic development and quality of life issues, I respectfully request that you give IndyGo's application full and fair consideration, in a manner consistent with U.S. law and public policy. I would be pleased to be informed when a decision is announced. Questions and announcements can be directed to my Grants Director Marianne Black, at Marianne_Black@donnelly.senate.gov or by telephone at (317) 226.5555.

Sincerely,



Joe Donnelly
United States Senator